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In re Patent Application of	)	<b>BOX: PCT</b>
GÜNTER BELLMANN et al.	)	<b>Attention: DO/EO/US</b>
Application No.: Unassigned	)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: January 5, 2005	)	Examiner: Unassigned
For: COATING BLADE AND METHOD	)	Confirmation No.: Unassigned
OF PREPARING THE SAME	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a national phase filing of International Application No.  
PCT/EP2003/007552, filed July 11, 2003.

It is contemplated that this Application be prosecuted by using Claims 1 to 17  
that were provided with the letter of March 17, 2004 during the international phase of  
the examination.

Please amend the Application as indicated.